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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' enclose a copy of European Patent Search Report dated March 30, 2004, for counterpart European Patent Application No. 03015458.7. The Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited documents.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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